JSP Actions lets you perform some action.

**Directives vs Actions**

1. Directives are used during translation phase while actions are used during request processing phase.
2. Unlike Directives Actions are re-evaluated each time the page is accessed.

JSP specification provides **Standard**(Action) tags for use within your JSP pages. These tags are used to remove or eliminate scriptlet code from your JSP page

There are many JSP Standard Action tag which are used to perform some specific task.

**Syntax:**

<jsp:action\_name attribute="value" />

The following are some JSP Standard Action Tags available:

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| **Action Tag** | **Description** |
| jsp:forward | forward the request to a new page  Usage : <jsp:forward page="Relative URL" /> |
| jsp:useBean | instantiates a JavaBean  Usage : <jsp:useBean id="beanId" /> |
| jsp:getProperty | retrieves a property from a JavaBean instance.  Usage :  <jsp:useBean id="beanId" ... />  ...  <jsp:getProperty name="beanId" property="someProperty" .../>  Where, **beanName** is the name of pre-defined bean whose property we want to access. |
| jsp:setProperty | store data in property of any JavaBeans instance.  Usage :  <jsp:useBean id="beanId" ... />  ...  <jsp:setProperty name="beanId" property="someProperty" value="some value"/>  Where, **beanName** is the name of pre-defined bean whose property we want to access. |
| jsp:include | includes the runtime response of a JSP page into the current page. |
| jsp:plugin | Generates client browser-specific construct that makes an OBJECT or EMBED tag for the Java Applets |
| jsp:fallback | Supplies alternate text if java plugin is unavailable on the client. You can print a message using this, if the included jsp plugin is not loaded. |
| jsp:element | Defines XML elements dynamically |
| jsp:attribute | defines dynamically defined XML element's attribute |
| jsp:body | Used within standard or custom tags to supply the tag body. |
| jsp:param | Adds parameters to the request object. |
| jsp:text | Used to write template text in JSP pages and documents.  Usage : <jsp:text>Template data</jsp:text> |